

1 schema module. Such action might also include generating a particular
2 error message and returning the error message to the node factory 102. By
3 ignoring the information that is not understood by the schema module,
4 parsing activities are made more efficient because this information does not
5 have to be further processed by the server in order to build and return a
6 response to the client. The server might simply return an error message that
7 indicates that this particular information is not understood by the server.--

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9 **In the Claims**

10 Claims 1-33 are pending and are listed below:

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12 1. A method of parsing an Extensible Markup Language (XML) data
13 stream comprising:
14 defining a plurality of states, individual states being associated with
15 individual elements of an XML data stream;
16 associating one or more rules with each state;
17 receiving an XML data stream;
18 evaluating the XML data stream against one or more of the rules for
19 individual elements contained in the XML data stream; and
20 disregarding associated portions of the XML data stream if any of the rules
21 that are associated with those portions are violated.

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23 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more rules relate to a
24 schema of the XML data stream.

25 3. The method of claim 1, wherein: